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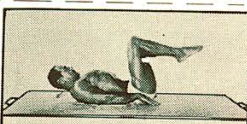
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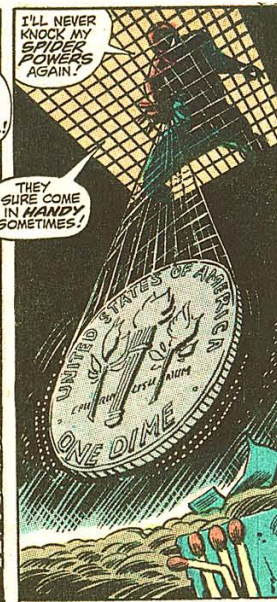


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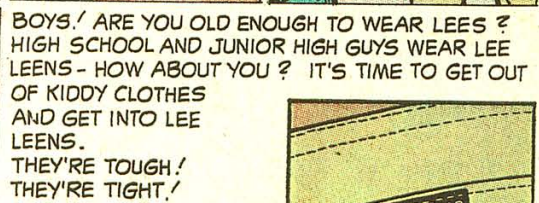
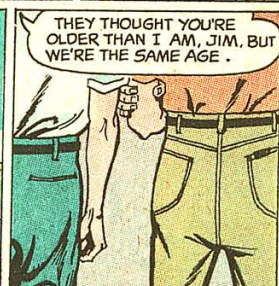
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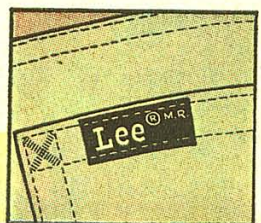


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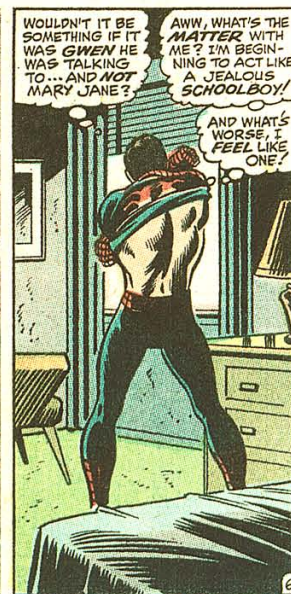


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OR, I CAN ALWAYS RING THE BELL AND SAY I CAME TO TALK TO CAPTAIN STACY!



BUT IT'S BETTER THAN JUST SITTING AROUND MY ROOM WONDERING!



BUT NOW, I SUDDENLY REALIZE HOW MUCH I REALLY MISS THE GIRL!



NAH...NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THAT! SHE ALWAYS SAID IT DIDN'T MEAN A THING UNLESS WE WERE TOGETHER!

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!

WHO'S THAT?



YOU KNOW I WILL, GWEN!

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! IT JUST ISN'T!



I KNOW YOU HAVE! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THE ONE I TURNED TO!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...SOMETHING FROM THE PAST PERHAPS...THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN HIS MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES!



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...THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
WHAT A NIGHT! I DIDN'T STUDY... DIDN'T EVEN SLEEP... AND LOST THE GIRL I LOVE!

I'LL BET EVEN THAT WINDOW CLEANER HASN'T HALF THE WORRIES I DO!

WONDER IF HE KNOWS HOW LUCKY HE IS?

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BUT, STRANGELY ENOUGH, AS PETER WALKS BY, NURSING HIS OWN SOLENN THOUGHTS... THE WINDOW CLEANER TOO HAS SIMILAR THOUGHTS...

WHY CAN'T I MAKE IT LIKE ALL THOSE OTHER JOES DOWN THERE?

HOW COME NOTHING I DO EVER WORKS OUT RIGHT FOR HOBBIE BROWN?



OKAY, SO I'M STUCK CLEANING THESE CRUMMY WINDOWS... BUT THIS AIN'T GONNA LAST FOREVER!

OR MAYBE YOU'RE KIDDIN' YOURSELF, HOBBIE BOY! MAYBE THIS IS THE BEST YOU CAN DO!



HOW'S A GUY EVER GONNA AMOUNT TO ANYTHING... EVER GONNA BE SOMEBODY... IF NOBODY'LL GIVE HIM A CHANCE? ...IF NOBODY'LL BELIEVE IN HIM?

I CAN TAKE IT FROM THE REST OF THE PACK...

BUT THEN... WHEN MINDY STARTED TO PUT ME DOWN...



YOU'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT, HOBBIE! STOP FEELING SO SORRY FOR YOURSELF!

I KNOW HOW CLEVER YOU ARE... HOW GREAT YOU ARE AT INVENTING THINGS!

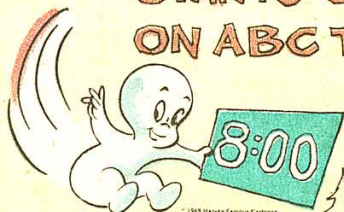
BUT, YOU'RE STILL YOUNG! IT TAKES TIME TO BE DISCOVERED... TIME TO REACH THE GOAL YOU'RE TRYING FOR?

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID, MINDY! WE BOTH KNOW... I'M JUST NEVER GONNA MAKE IT!

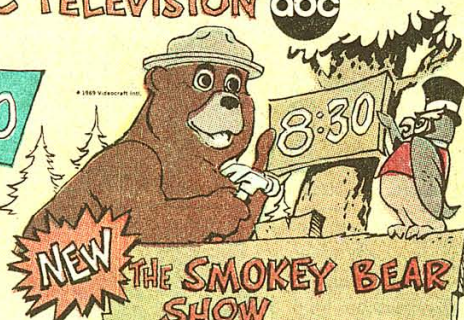
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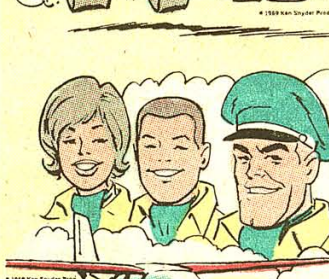
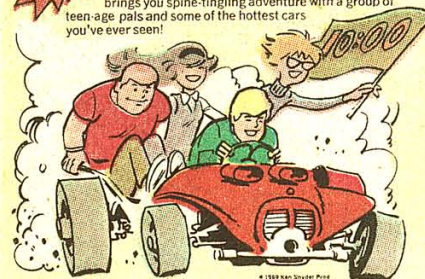


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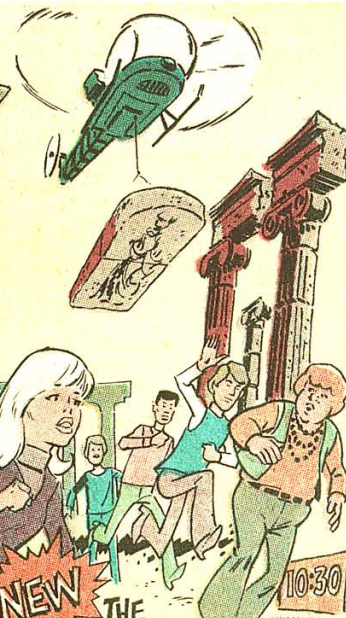
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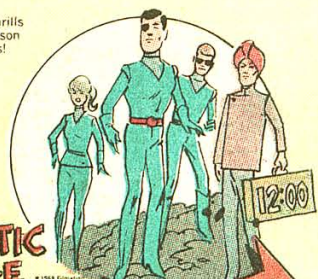
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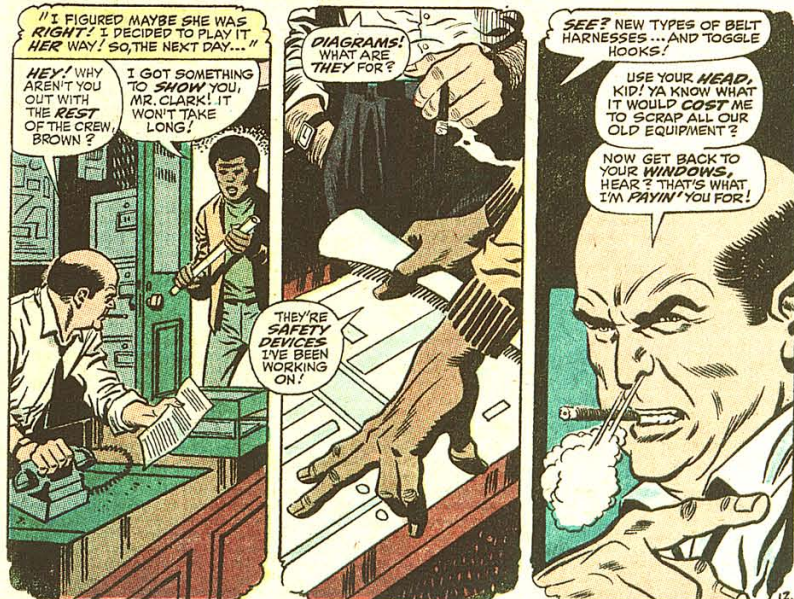
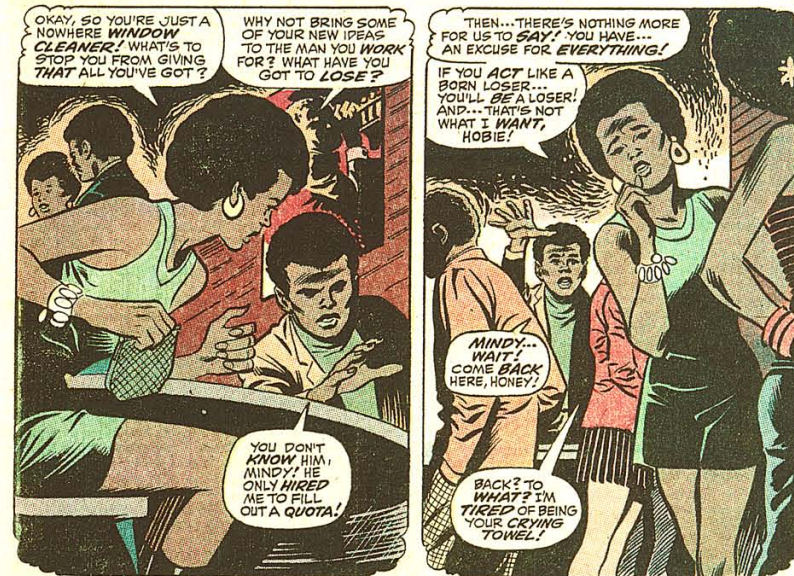
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Dear Stan and John,

The Merry Marvel Bullpen has triumphed again. I have been reading SPIDER-MAN for a long time now, and after reading issue #74, I noticed quite a mistake. On page 15, panels 2, 3 and 4, Billy Connors and his mother are locked up in a cell. Billy's mother says, "something that NO ONE... not even you... could ever suspect!" The conversation matches on until finally Billy professes, "My dad is... THE LIZARD!" In other words, he knows all about his father! Well, when he made this statement, his mother seemed very surprised. She apparently never knew that Billy knew!

So, I looked into my library of SPIDER-MAN comics, and dug up SPIDER-MAN #6. I leafed through the book until I came to page 14, panel 4. In this panel are three characters — Spider-Man, Mrs. Connors, and Billy. Mrs. Connors doesn't say anything, but Billy does. (She has her arm around him!) He says, word for word, "D-DON'T HURT HIM, Spider-Man." The "HIM" refers to Billy's father in the state of the Lizard. "He's still my father!" Now, don't tell me that Spider-Man heard Billy, and his mother is deaf in her left ear, so she didn't hear it!

Well, do I or do I not get a no-prize for my electrifying exposé? Mark A. H. Drobnick, 1017 Wadsworth Avenue
North Chicago, Illinois 60064

You know it, Mark. Actually, we had this far-out theory that Mrs. Connors is deaf in one ear and therefore couldn't hear Billy... but a re-reading of your little missive convinced us that we shouldn't use it. 'Twould appear that Billy's statement 'way back in SPIDEY #6 did indeed slip Smiley's mind... and, if your peace of mind is bothered by such a glaring inconsistency, we'll send you a black crayon with which you may forever efface that line from said comic.

Meanwhile, your no-prize is on its way, lad... obviously, your eyes are considerably sharper than Mrs. Connors' ears!

My Friends,

I have just read SPIDER-MAN #74, and I would like to comment on two of the letters printed in that immortal issue.

Firstly, to answer Chuck Hamilton. He kept harping on his suggestion that Spidey start telling everyone on the street, who he is. I am against this. Don't forget Aunt May's delicate heart which would, of course be broken by such a disclosure. But, more than that even, if he told people he was Spider-Man, he would constantly have to be Spider-Man. No let-up! That would seem to me, to be more wearing than his present situation. Also, how can an ordinary kid identify with someone who never touches earth? Never has normal problems as well as his abnormal ones? I have the same objection to DD's dropping Matt Murdock (which I hope and trust is a temporary thing). Chuck also said Pete should grow his hair out. Can you imagine a full head of hair under that tight mask? Hair prickles! So, Chuck, leave his hair alone. And, that goes for you who are more directly responsible, too.

Secondly, to answer John Baumann. He hit the nail smack on the thumb with his letter. It's exactly what happens everywhere. If people could communicate the world would be a much nicer place. But, since they don't, we have riots and wars and crime and brilliant science students who double as Spider-Men. So, don't change that either.

I guess I just like it the way it is — only, perhaps a little more so? Downward and backward!

Jean Ladig, 784 Holmdel Road
Holmdel, New Jersey 07733

And so it goes — with almost every aspect of our friendly neighborhood wall-crawler just as controversial as ever! Over the past few years, we've allowed Peter Parker to change just as real people grow and change: he's had his fling at being a swinger (with a motorcycle, yet), he's had romantic problems with more girls than one, while his living quarters have changed from his aunt's home to an apartment with Harry Osborn.

But everything would seem to bear out the eternal truth of that old maxim, "The more we change, the more we remain the same." Spidey had social-life, girl, and family problems in SPIDER-MAN #1... and it looks as if, when we get around to celebrating that milestone-making hundredth issue of the mag, he'll still be wearing out an occasional crying towel! C'est la vie! Or is it?

Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

Congratulations are in order for the following: Stan Lee, Johnny Romita, Jim Mooney, and Sammy Rosen. They have been endowed with the TLA award (Titanic Leaders Award) for extraordinary work on SPIDER-MAN. They have further improved the already greatest Marvel character to such an extent that it is unbearable. But, in all good things runs the evil of evil which is evil. The great SPIDER-MAN is no exception.

Social life is where it's at. Sure, there's a couple of pages a book of Harry, Gwen and the rest of the group, but two pages in twenty isn't enough. Action is great, but SPIDEY has too much. I myself don't like panels where Spidey hits the Kingpin as much as I like seeing the luscious Gwen or the lively Harry. In the past five SPIDER-MAN issues, there have been 437 panels, with only 46 of these pertaining to the social life of Peter Parker! This is only one-tenth of the mag! Now, I'm sure you pussywills wouldn't want to offend Aunt May by leaving her out — so how about putting the issue to a vote in Marveldom. Three courses are available: 1) leave it the way it is, 2) give Spidey more action, 3) give Spidey more of a social life. 'Nuff said.

Ronald Gayda, 125 Rose St.
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Not quite, Ron! In order to squeeze in more action and more social life, we'd have to draw more and smaller panels, thus crowding the battle scenes a bit. Would this adversely affect the book — or do you think that pictures can be substituted for panorama? Let us know, Spideophiles!

Dear Stan, John, and Jim,

Please excuse the informality, but as this is the first letter I've ever written to a comic mag, my only guide was your own letter column. Besides, I regard those who bring me SPIDER-MAN every month as old friends, anyway.

As a regular Spideophile of comparatively short standing, I do find my enthusiasm a little expensive: I buy the older issues from comics collector shops at well above original costs. Do you boys realize that your comics seem to be the most in demand? Still, if I may say so, your literary gems are well worth the price.

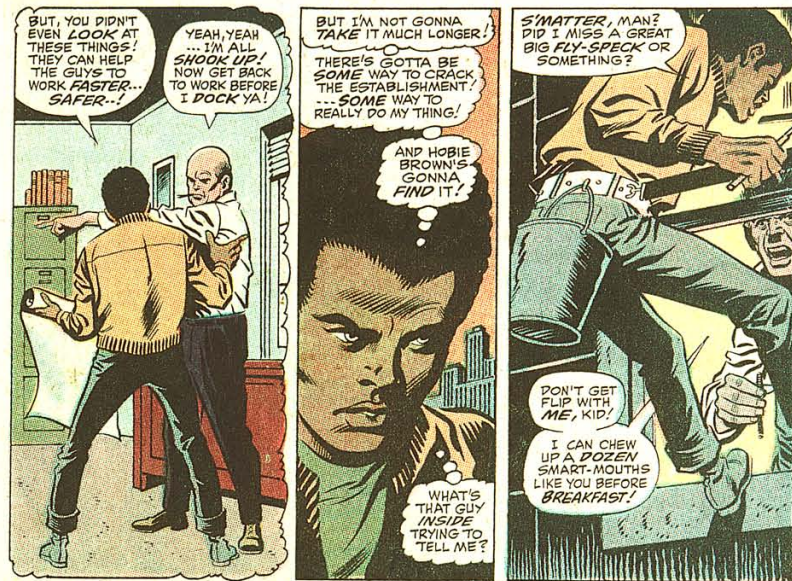
Now, to business — that is, the fan's pastime of telling you how to run your business. First, I wish to add my voice to the (apparently) growing throng crying, "Let Peter share his secret!" The advantages don't stop with the improvement of his social life; don't you realize that if Joe Robertson or Gwen, or Harry knew the secret of Spider-Man, they could cover for him with Jolly Jonah or Aunt May?

Which brings me to my other suggestion: don't be stampeded into letting Aunt May die. It might take some of the pressure off Peter, but he would miss her, and frankly, so would I. Spidey has kept his secret from her this long, and he can keep up the good work.

Michael J. Susko, Jr., 96 S. 17 Street
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Don't worry, Michael... we've got no intention of letting dear old Aunt May die before her appointed time. (Of course, we realize that that's not exactly the most clear-cut of answers, but it's the best we can do, under the circumstances.)

Meanwhile, the votes are still coming in on who (if anyone) should share the secret of Spider-Man's identity. We don't want to let any cats out of the bag just now, but we might as well mention that virtually everybody this side of Fearless Forbush has been nominated as Petey's confidant. (There was even one letter that suggested we tell Smilin' Stan who Spidey was — and it was signed "Jazzy Johnny". Do you think the mischievous Mr. Romita was trying to tell us something?)





YOU DON'T HAVETA TRY TO GO TO BAT FOR ME, MISTER!

HE CAN TAKE HIS CRUMMY JOB AND... WELL, HE KNOWS WHAT HE CAN DO WITH IT! I JUST QUIT!

THAT'S OKAY WITH ME, BROWN! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOUR TYPE!

WADDAYA MEAN, MY TYPE?

CLARK! SHUT YOUR BIG YAPOR I'LL DO IT FOR YA!



WH-WHAT ARE YOU SINGING WITH HIM FOR, MR. JAMESON?

IF YOU DON'T KNOW... YOU NEVER WILL! NOW TAKE OFF, CLARK! ALL OF A SUDDEN, I DON'T LIKE THE SMELL AROUND HERE!

SLAM!



WELL, THAT SINKS IT! I'M OUT OF A JOB... MY CHICK WALKED OUT ON ME... AND I'M HEADING STRAIGHT FOR NOWHERE!

YEAH! IT'S A REAL GREAT LIFE, HOBBIE BABY!



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IT CAN BE DONE... AND I'M THE GUY TO DO IT!



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I'VE BEEN SPENDING EVERY CENT I MADE ON MY WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT!

AND A FAT LOT OF GOOD IT'S DONE ME!



BUT MAYBE I'VE BEEN GOIN' ABOUT IT IN THE WRONG WAY!

MAYBE YOU CAN'T SELL ANYTHING UNTIL YOU SELL YOURSELF!



NOBODY CARES WHAT HOBBIE BROWN INVENTED... 'CAUSE NOBODY CARES ABOUT HOBBIE BROWN!

BUT I DON'T HAVE TO REMAIN HOBBIE BROWN!

I CAN DO WHAT LOTS OF OTHER CATS DO...



BUT WAIT A MINUTE! JUST BEING A NUTTY SUPERHERO ISN'T THE WHOLE ANSWER!

I'LL NEED PUBLICITY... NEED PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT ME!

AND I WANT IT FAST... LIKE NOW!

BEING A SUPERHERO CAN BE TOO SLOW... IT CAN TAKE TOO LONG!



IT MAY BE DAYS... WEEKS... BEFORE I FIND SOME CROOK TO TACKLE!

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SO WHICH'LL I BE?

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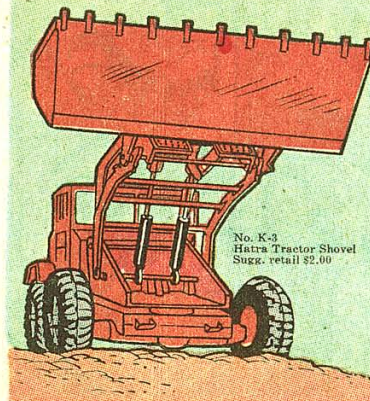
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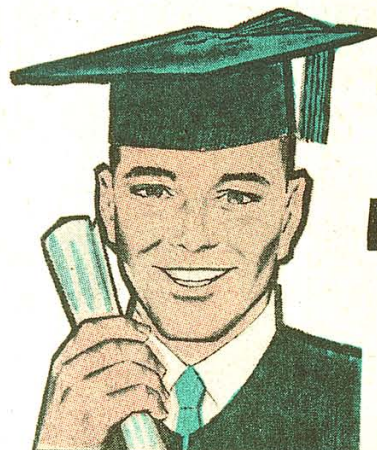


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Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist—recently he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

Paul Sullivan enrolled at 14. His Famous Artists training helped him work his way through college.

Kathleen Gironda of Indiana, Pennsylvania, was an 18-year-old salesgirl in a department store. She still works for a department store, but now it's as an advertising artist and fashion illustrator.

With Famous Artists training James Ryan, formerly a clerk, has become an illustrator at Hughes Aircraft—and turns out a steady stream of well-paying free-lance artwork in his spare time.

Oregon housewife Helen Tryk lives 150 miles from the nearest big city. But she does fashion illustration, has her own studio, runs an art work shop, does portraits.

A plan to help others

It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the

training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

He suggested a new kind of art school—a home study art school—that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live.

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they created a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, they developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

The famous artists with the School are not surprised at the success of their students. The opportunities open to successful artists today are enormous. The School continually gets calls from all over the country asking for practical well-trained students—not geniuses—who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs. And practical, thorough training is what the School offers.

Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the Famous Artists created a 12-page Talent Test. Thousands paid to take this test, but now the School offers and grades it free. Men and women who do well on the test—or offer other sufficient evidence of art talent—may enroll in the School. But there's no obligation. Simply mail the coupon below.

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I would like to find out whether I have art talent worth developing. Please send me, without obligation, your Famous Artists Talent Test and information about your courses.

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